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VT. CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OPENS

24th Annual Meeting Being Held at Essex Junction—Rev. C. H. Merrill Moderator

Essex Junction, May 20.—Over 100 pastors and delegates of the 24th Congregational Conference in the State were present at the opening session of the 24th annual meeting of the Vermont Congregational conference at the Congregational Church this afternoon and continues until Thursday noon. More pastors and delegates are expected to-morrow and the church was filled at both the afternoon and evening sessions.

The Rev. Dr. C. H. Merrill of St. Johnsbury is the moderator and the convention organized by electing the Rev. Edward J. Hayes of Greensboro scribe and the Rev. George E. Dodd of West Woodstock assistant. The pastor of the church, the Rev. William Millar, cordially greeted the conference to his church and the moderator happily responded.

The early part of the afternoon was spent in presenting reports of committees. The report of the committee on benevolence and education announced the percentage of benevolences for 1919, which conformed to the so-called national percentages with a few exceptions. The church receives early in the year its proportionate share of benevolences and in 1919 the Congregationalists churches of the State raised 73 per cent. In 1918 the churches raised 73 per cent. The outlook for 1919 is promising for raising 85 per cent. and the committee expects the churches to go over the top in 1920 100 per cent. strong.

The Rev. C. H. Merrill, the secretary of the conference attended the mid-winter conference of national and state officers at Chicago, and was the only Vermont of any denomination at the New England regional conference of the inter-church world movement. At least once during the year he has visited 170 of the 16 churches in the State, and many of them more than once.

The committee on evangelism presented a comprehensive report of what had been accomplished in every county in the State. "Retreats" had been held by 11 of the 15 associations, followed by visitations from ministers to many of the churches and in many instances most gratifying results in addition to the increased membership already reported and urged a large enlistment of personal work to invade the whole community, working through all the organizations of the church to bring more into the churches.

The committee on religious education and the ministry presented a carefully prepared plan for keeping up the standards and requirements of candidates to the ministry. Their statement of principles and methods included licensure and ordination for entrance into the ministry; the maintenance of ministerial standing; and the relationship to the churches. The committee on inter-church federation reported that 16 federations or unions were effected last year, making 39 in 28 towns in the State since May 1, 1917.

Rev. Dr. Albert P. Fitch, pastor of the Amherst College Church. The Rev. Dr. C. S. Mills of Bennington led a symposium on "The Essence of Christianity," which was briefly debated by the Rev. Dr. E. A. Poole of St. Johnsbury, the Rev. Dr. S. G. Barnes and the Rev. C. H. Smith, both of Burlington.

John M. Comstock of Chelsea presented the annual statistics of the year. Of the 106 churches reporting on evangelism it appeared that they had 1,842 stars in their service flags.

The evening service Wednesday will be omitted so that all may attend the big meeting at The Strong.

HAD 1918 NUMBER PLATES

Dr. Paulson, of Danville, Held Up by Montpelier Police—Finally Goes Home. Montpelier, May 20.—Dr. Paulson, of Danville, had a lively time with the police of Montpelier Sunday morning, which finally resulted in his being allowed to go to his home on the plea that there were children in a family which needed his attention. It appears from statements of the police that he was driving his automobile with 1918 number plates attached. Dr. Paulson, in the course of his remarks, stated that, if the authorities in Burlington had been on their job he would not have been able to come as far as Montpelier and would have obtained the number plates which were waiting for him in Burlington. He tried to get consent of W. S. Teasdale to allow him to proceed without the plates, but it was denied him. However, after about two hours effort an arrangement was made so that the police of Montpelier allowed him to go to his home. It is not understood, however, that this ends the matter.

PRAISES PERRY ALDRICH

Father of Late Lieutenant Gets Gallant Son's War Certificate. Essex Junction, May 20.—The Rev. Leonard Aldrich has received a war certificate for his son, Lieut. Perry H. Aldrich, from the adjutant general, U. S. A. army, issued by direction of President Wilson, who expresses sincere and deep sympathy, and a letter from Major-General Member, U. S. A., as follows:

War Department
Air Service
Washington, May 7, 1919.
My dear Mr. Aldrich:
At a time when so many officers of the air service are returning from overseas, I feel an earnest desire to express to you some acknowledgment on the part of the government of the devoted sacrifice offered by your son, Lieut. Perry Henry Aldrich, who died of wounds received in action in France on October 23, 1918.

Lieutenant Aldrich sought the front line of danger and was one of those whose privilege it was to be selected for it. His sacrifice was made for his country, and his bravery and unflinching devotion to duty have made him one of the nation's heroes.

The air service of the United States has permanently inscribed his name upon its roll of honor and he will ever be remembered as one of those who contributed his best to maintain the prestige of our cause.

I join with his brother officers in expressing our deep appreciation of his loyalty and the effectiveness of the service he rendered.

Very sincerely,
CHAS. T. MENDOZA,
Major-General, U. S. A.

Settles His Debt

Montpelier, May 20.—A settlement took place in the case of the Virginia Carolina Chemical company against Charles Duprey in which the defendant paid \$361. Two weeks ago Duprey was released on bail after being arrested on the charge of being an absconding debtor. It was claimed he was to leave for the Canadian Northwest when arrested. With the settlement of the judgment which the plaintiff had obtained against Duprey, which occurred Tuesday, the other matter was dropped.

A settlement has also occurred in the case relative to the estate of J. D. Clouston, in which Jennie Glinnie presented an account of \$1,000. In the Supreme Court, Mrs. Glinnie met defeat and a new trial was to have taken place when a settlement occurred.

TWO ARE ARRESTED FOR BARRE MURDER

Mrs. Belle Parker and George Long Accused of Killing Mrs. Broadwell

Montpelier, May 15.—Mrs. Belle Parker, a widow who conducted a rooming house at 10 South Main street, Barre, and George Long, a teamster, automobile mechanic, and a boarder at Mrs. Parker's, were arrested at 10:30 o'clock this morning, charged with the murder of Mrs. Lucina Courser Broadwell, wife of Harry Broadwell and the mother of three young children, on the night of Saturday, May 3.

They are lodged in the county jail in this city and will be given a hearing to-morrow in Barre city court. The much-heralded arrests took place quietly. Long was hustled out of a side entrance of the hotel in Barre, where the two have been under restraint. Mrs. Parker, who could not be taken out the way Long was, had to run a barrage of metropolitan photographers whose cameras busily clicked as she was led through the crowd that had gathered.

Sheriff F. H. Tracy, assisted by Deputy H. C. Lawson, made the arrests. Attorney-General Frank C. Archibald arrived at Barre Wednesday morning after a few days' absence and went over the testimony which Sheriff Tracy and his bevy of officers, including detectives from Boston, have gathered, with the result that some of the people who have already before the officers were again placed before them and a court reporter was used so that their testimony previously given was gone over again.

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About 10 o'clock this morning warrants were placed in Sheriff Tracy's hands. He proceeded to the hotel, but apparently the information that he was to make the arrests had preceded him for when he reached the place there was a crowd about the hotel.

The arrest of Mrs. Parker carries the case to the so-called "high life" of Barre, for she has been associated with one of the best families of the city, namely Kenyon.

She seemed to break down from the effects of the grilling, but those who have been associated with her are of the opinion that she was camouflaging. A physician was called after dinner, who gave a decision that resulted in the woman being lodged in the women's ward of the jail.

She ate dinner at the table of Sheriff Tracy's family and it was one continuous stream of talk, it is understood, all about herself.

Mrs. Parker and Long are in different ends of the jail and unable to communicate further with each other relative to the case.

Long did not seem concerned much in the matter when arrested and acted more like a person without due realization of the plight in which his being lodged in jail places him.

Mrs. Parker expressed the opinion that she should have different treatment than other persons. She was assured she would be well cared for, but that she could not have special privileges that would not be given any other women in similar circumstances.

Whether the two will be placed on trial within a few days or weeks depends upon the prosecuting officers, that is, providing an indictment is found against them.

It is claimed the officers have sufficient evidence with which to bind the two over to county court, which is now out on recess till Monday. When the petit jury was discharged some weeks ago. One man was not discharged, so that the panel can be filled at any time and the State officers have authority to call a grand jury session.

George M. Long, who was arrested is understood to have made the following statement at the county jail as the doors closed upon him after his arrest in which he admitted that Mrs. Broadwell was at the Parker house the night of the murder. The statement reads:

"My conscience is free and clear. I am a happy man to-day, because I know that no 12 men under God's heavens will ever convict me of this crime."

"I admit that Mrs. Broadwell was in that house that night. She ate meat. I bought the meat at the store across the street but she left about midnight, saying that she wanted to be home before her husband."

"I never was off the lawn after that time. I never made a plan to meet her, and I wouldn't have seen her if it hadn't been for Mrs. Parker. The three times I met her was because Mrs. Parker arranged it. I never asked her to meet me."

"My only mistake was in denying that she was there. That was my mistake. I did that because Mrs. Parker urged me to."

Long then went on to express his opinion that Mrs. Broadwell was waylaid after she left the house by some man who induced her to go into the field. "I didn't see her after she left the house," he concluded. Long has engaged J. Ward Carver to defend him.

Long was born at "The Narrows," in Queens county, New Brunswick, and was 39 years old the 17th of April. He remained in Queens county until he was 16 or 17 years of age and then went to Houlton, Me., where he worked around the woods and in other places, being employed for a time by the Greater Northern Pulp & Paper company.

From Houlton, Me., Long went to Woodstock, Canada, and worked on the St. Johns river corporation drive, being employed there at least two springs. He worked during the summer about Woodstock, Canada. Going next to Auburn, a part of Providence, R. I., he drove an ice team, working there one summer and part of the next. The next winter he went to Lakeport, N. H., and then to Massachusetts, where he got a job with the American Realty company and worked in Rochester, Vt., after which he came to Montpelier. Here he was employed by C. E. Demeritt on his farm and milk route. It was during this time that he was arrested and convicted of the charge of forgery, having forged a name upon a check which Mrs. R. W. Simonds had signed in payment for milk he bought of Mr. Demeritt. He served one year in the House of Correction. It will be recalled that at the time Long was arrested on this last named charge he pleaded innocence and claimed he had been wronged even after he was sentenced. He has been recently employed by Gale Bennett in his lumbering job.

Long puffed a cigar while waiting for the car that was to take him to Montpelier after his arrest. A few minutes after he was committed to the county jail he was playing solitaire.

Her house is almost directly across South Main street from Shadrout's store, where, it is alleged, a man bought a veal loaf Saturday night, May 3. The examination of the stomach and intestines of Mrs. Broadwell is said to have determined the presence of veal. At supper in her own home late Saturday afternoon, May 3, Mrs. Broadwell did not have meat of any kind, according to the investigations which the State has conducted.

Mrs. Parker had to be assisted down the steps of the hotel and to the waiting automobile by Deputy Lawson, who supported her left arm. Mrs. Parker was pale and red-eyed and she glanced about sharply as she heard a photographer snapping her picture. She was dressed in black and was altogether a very sombre appearing figure, her pale face contrasting with the blackness of her clothing.

MURDER HEARINGS SET FOR JUNE 2

Barre, May 16.—Mrs. Isabel Parker and George A. Long, arrested yesterday charged with the murder of Mrs. Harry Broadwell, whose naked body was found May 4, were arraigned in court formally in city court today. They were taken back to the county jail at Montpelier, however, to await a preliminary hearing on June 2.

State's Attorney Davis announced this morning that the grand jury will be at work on the case in two weeks. Four other persons, Gabriel Bianchi, Joseph Shadrout, Gertrude Hunt and Irving B. Smith, were placed on their own recognizance in the sum of \$1,000 as witnesses to appear in court June 2. Bianchi has admitted that he spent part of the night of May 3-4 at the house of Mrs. Parker and avers that he took the 10 o'clock electric car for his home in Montpelier. Shadrout runs a store opposite the Parker residence on South Main street, where it is alleged Long bought veal the evening of the tragedy.

Gertrude Hunt has said that she saw Mrs. Broadwell at the Parker residence the night of the tragedy. Smith, who rooms on Summer street, avers that he was awakened by the barking of dogs on the night of May 3-4 and on looking out of the window saw an automobile standing near the place where Mrs. Broadwell's body was found and the machine is said to have been identified by Smith as one which Long had taken on trial from the Goodfellow garage.

The proceedings in city court were quite brief to-day and were listened to by a crowd of people who filled all the available space. When the respondents, Mrs. Parker and Long, were brought into court, they were accompanied by Attorney J. Ward Carver, who is now put down as attorney of record in their defence.

It is understood that the State will prove that the motive for the crime was the alleged intention of Mrs. Broadwell to break off relations with Long, and that thereupon the murder was deliberately planned.

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MAY BE VALUABLE WITNESSES

Mrs. Pelky and Martinez Admit Being at Parker House Night of Broadwell Murder

Montpelier, May 19.—Mrs. Rose Pelky, who was arrested Monday morning, was brought into Barre city court on the charge of adultery, to which she pleaded guilty and was given a sentence of two years in the House of Correction, after which she was placed on probation. It was expected that Francisco Martinez would be brought into Barre city court during the day on a similar charge, but up to a late hour in the afternoon this had not taken place. Martinez is named as the correspondent in the case against Mrs. Pelky. It is alleged the crime took place at the Parker house the night of May 3, which was the night that Mrs. Broadwell was murdered.

Mrs. Pelky is the mother of four children, it is said. Martinez has been employed as a quarryman in Graniteville and it is alleged that he and Mrs. Pelky have been together during the time they have been gone from Barre. Both are considered important witnesses to the State and it is understood that much valuable information was obtained from them.

Little of note took place during the latter part of the day and this evening the case was held over for the case. The State's attorney has asked Judge F. L. Fish not to adjourn court for a while, but he has not asked for the calling of a grand jury.

It is understood that the date of the hearing on the charge against Francisco Martinez is uncertain, which indicates that he may be a principal witness in the case. Mrs. Rose Pelky, who has been placed on probation, is still held as an important witness. She is 21 years of age. Martinez says he left the Parker residence at 8:30 o'clock the night of the murder and that he knows little about the happenings at the place. Mrs. Grace Grimes, who has been in the city for some days, has gone back to Lynn, Mass., but the authorities know where they can reach her if they need further information relative to Mrs. Broadwell.

To-day has been largely spent in investigating robberies that have taken place on recent dates and the career of Long has been raked with a fine comb. The investigations included the robbery of estates at Berlin Pond of W. G. Reynolds, William Holden, W. D. Mower and E. M. Tobin of Barre and Phil Hornbrook of Montpelier. Some articles that were taken from these places including clothing has been identified as having been in Long's possession. A man had advanced the information that he bought a fish rod of Long. This came from Reynolds' camp on Berlin Pond. Other minor robberies that have taken place in Barre in the last few months have also been under investigation. It is also reported that the authorities are investigating a story of a woman who was assaulted about a year ago on a lonely road leading out of Montpelier, the conditions of which were similar to those of the condition in which the Broadwell woman was found, except-

ARREST SPANIARD

Had Been at Home of Mrs. Parker the Night of Broadwell Murder

Montpelier, May 18.—Deputy Sheriff H. C. Lawson tonight arrested Francisco Martinez a Spaniard from Northfield, on the charge of adultery and lodged the man in jail to await hearing. Martinez is alleged to have been at the house of Mrs. Belle Parker the night when Mrs. Harry E. Broadwell was found murdered. The officers also have Mrs. Rose Pelky of Graniteville, a woman much wanted in her condition with the restraint over. She told a story last week relative to seeing Mrs. Broadwell at the Mrs. Belle Parker house the night of the murder, but after she told the story and when the officers wanted her again she was unable to locate her. It is understood that the Martinez she has been in Massachusetts since she left Graniteville.

Martinez will probably be given a hearing Monday morning. It is understood the arrest is the result of the secret inquest that was held by the State's attorney Saturday and a portion of Sunday and which brought out some evidence in connection with the clearing up of matters relative to the murder of Mrs. Broadwell.

A man named Reynolds is said to have identified fish tackle stolen from him some months ago. The tackle was found in Long's room when recently searched and is said to have been stolen from a camp owned by Reynolds on the shores of Berlin pond.

FOUND BOOKS IN PARKER FLAT

Record of Girls and Phone Numbers—Aiding Authorities in Broadwell Murder Case

Montpelier, May 20.—But little new material was discovered to-day in the developments connected with the murder of Mrs. Harry E. Broadwell, Francisco Martinez, arrested on the charge of adultery, was brought into Barre city court this morning. He waived examination and was bound over to Washington county court on a charge of \$1,000 bail. It was furnished and he was released. Martinez was one of those who were at the Parker house the night that Mrs. Broadwell was murdered. Mrs. Pelky testified he was there and that he left the house a little while before she went away. He was arrested in Northfield Saturday night. The officers were to leave on the night train for Holyoke, Mass., to get Mrs. Pelky and Martinez, when they received a message from Northfield stating that the two had alighted from the train in that village. Then Chief J. M. Donahue arrested them.

For some days the reporters who have been on the case have known that a book which contained valuable information, it is understood, had been found at the Parker home and it is now understood that the officers have made the persons who listed in the book before them and gained considerable

information from the parties. It is said to have contained the list of young women in Barre, their telephone number and street addresses. Mrs. Parker still keeps good spirits in the county jail, while Long plays solitaire a good deal.

VASSAR GIRLS INJURED IN LAB. EXPLOSION

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 15.—Margaret Hubbell, daughter of George L. Hubbell of Garden City, L. I., Helen Hewitt of Granville, N. Y., both sophomores at Vassar College, and Lucy Hale, of Martinez, Cal., a junior, were injured to-day in a laboratory explosion, which occurred during an experiment in de-vaporizing ether. Ten other girls suffered flesh wounds which were not serious. No cause was known for the explosion other than a possible imperfection in the glass, for the same test had been made before, with no bad results. No blame attaches to the physics department, nor was there any carelessness among the students.

The three injured girls were taken at once to Vassar Brothers' hospital where special treatment is being given them in an effort to save their sight, as it is feared this is endangered because of glass particles which entered them. Of 11 students who were watching the test made, but 13 were injured.

WENT AWAY IN WRATH

But He Came Back to Claim Share of Wife's Estate

Montpelier, May 15.—Two years ago Philip Duble left his family and went to the Canadian Northwest, a family row propelling him. He said he would return when the family wanted him. Meanwhile, Mrs. Duble died; also a son, in service in France. Mrs. Duble made a will in favor of her own children, George Pepais and Hattie Martel.

Now Mr. Duble is hastening back. He wants his share of his wife's estate. When the settlement of Mrs. Duble's estate was read in probate court this week representatives of Mr. Duble protested, and the settlement is being held open.

WARM TO BE SENTENCED

Judge Wilson Names May 22 to Impose Manslaughter Penalty

St. Albans, May 15.—The date for final hearing and sentence in the case of Robert Warm, found guilty in Franklin county court of manslaughter for the death of Jennie Hemmingway in August, 1917, was set to-day by Judge Stanley C. Wilson for Thursday morning, May 22, at nine o'clock.

HE DOES HEAVY WORK

"I do heavy work, and that is a strain on a man's kidneys," writes Bert Dawson, Canton, Ill. My trouble started with severe, sharp pains over my back. I bought a bottle of Foley Kidney Pills, and before it was gone, my pains had entirely left me. They banish rheumatic pains, backache, soreness, stiffness. J. W. O'Sullivan, 30 Church street. (Adv.)

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